

# Resolution 21-160 Testimony

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Transportation, Sustainability and Health Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Resolution Item 21-160  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written Testimony I have know Anthony Aalto a number of years in both a social and professional setting. Mr Aalto is knowledgeable, articulate and a clear thinker. I believe he will bring an appropriate perspective to the HART board and will contribute meaningfully. I support his nomination. Thank you. Respectfully submitted, Jeff Arce

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## Written Testimony

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Agenda Item RESOLUTION 21-160  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written Testimony I have known Anthony Aalto for years as a sort of a colleague. He interviewed me for his documentary on homelessness on Oahu. His work on that and other projects stands out for its critical thinking and look at hard truths. we need more people like Mr. Aalto to weigh in on public policy. Please confirm him as a HART board member

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Resolution 21-160  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Aalto's nomination to the HART board.

### Written Testimony

Mahalo,  
Dyson Chee

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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**Council/PH Committee** Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
**Agenda Item** Resolution 21-160  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

**Written Testimony** I have known Anthony Aalto for over 15 years. He is a smart, invested and concerned citizen of the island. He has that rare blend of concern for the 'aina plus a strong interest in providing reasonable development to support our residents. His background as an investigative reporter serves him well by providing a background of researching issues and asking tough questions. As his friend, I would say that his character is unimpeachable. He's an excellent choice for the HART board.

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Date: 7/18/2021

For: Meeting Date 07-20-2021 9:00am

To: Council/PH Committee : Transportation, Sustainability & Health

From: Connie Mitchell

Agenda Item : 1. Re: RESOLUTION 21-160

Aloha Transportation, Sustainability and Committee Members,

I am writing to offer testimony in support of the nomination of Anthony Alto to the HART Board. My perspective comes from years of work in homelessness as the Executive Director of IHS, The Institute for Human Services. But I am testifying as a private citizen today.

I first became acquainted with Anthony nearly 7 years ago when he produced a documentary about homelessness. It was then that I learned of Anthony's passion for creating a more just and sustainable world, beginning with our Oahu Community.

His life has been devoted to investigative journalism which uncover truths for the benefit of the greater community. While collaborating on the project, Anthony remained open to learning about homelessness and discovered some truths for himself in the process.

In similar fashion, his journalism talents make him an ideal candidate to fill your remaining vacancy. I believe Anthony Aalto would bring a fresh and needed perspective as someone who believes strongly in the vision of the Honolulu Rapid Transit System being a pathway to developing more affordable while also offering objectivity that would prompt the hard questions that could support greater transparency from the Board and help inspire greater confidence from the public.

Anthony wants HART to be successful with the project because he is convinced of its importance for stimulating transit-oriented development of affordable housing along the rail line and social equity for West Oahu. We have already begun to see the impact with new affordable housing popping up along the rail line. Working families and kupuna in need of affordable housing will be served, as will greater urban Honolulu with economic revitalization. This has been the purpose of rail from its beginnings and as a homeless advocate, I know an end to homelessness will not happen without prolific development of more affordable housing on Oahu, both rental and for-purchase.

Mr. Aalto also has a deep passion for, and commitment to, a sustainable future for our community. His support for rail is no doubt linked to this vision and is an important complement to our need to establish greater resilience against severe weather events related to global warming.

Your selection for Anthony Aalto to serve as a member of the HART Board would be a vote for added integrity and transparency to the board. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item No. 1  
Your position on the matter Comment  
Representing Self  
Organization Councilman Waters,

Written Testimony Laurie and I strongly support the nomination of Anthony Aalto for a position on the HART board. As chair of the Honolulu Chapter of the Sierra Club, Anthony was an outspoken supporter of a fixed-guideway transit system, primarily on the ground that it would concentrate development along its corridor and at its stops. We agree with this assessment as a matter of sound urban planning. This has been the experience of other cities with such transportation systems. As both a well-known member of the environmentally active community with strong analytical and reporting skills, Anthony will make a superb addition to the HART board.

We understand this matter will be discussed as Resolution Number 21-160 on 7/20/2021 as Agenda Item 1.

Thank you,

David and Laurie Callies

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item 1. RESOLUTION 21-160  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Chair and members of the committee:

I am William Reese Liggett, Honolulu resident at 4947 Maunalani Circle, Honolulu 96816.

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I give my strongest support for the nomination of Anthony Aalto to the HART Board. Anthony has a very strong track record with his well-known and well-reviewed documentary films. He deeply researches any subject he is responsible for. He knows how to ask the questions and of whom to ask them to make well-reasoned decisions for his role in board deliberations and votes.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony for this very important appointment that Anthony Aalto is highly qualified to fulfill.

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item RESOLUTION 21-160  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization

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Testimony

Chair Cordero: Please take whatever steps are necessary to keep Mr. Joe Uno on as a HART board member. He is the voice of those of us, who are not being heard. With his expertise and ability to analyze fiscally viable alternatives, he can help the city find a way out of the unsustainable costs associated with the rail project. There are alternatives. Why not allow Honolulu citizens real input into the discussion? Show the young people that they can afford Honolulu. Show everyone that we can be innovative and bring a sense of optimism for our future.

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item RESOLUTION 21-160 – APPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY B. AALTO TO SERVE ON THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization

Chair Cordero and Council members:  
It is apparent the Anthony Aalto has no background nor expertise in mass transit issues, nor any technical background such as transportation engineering, cost estimation, nor related subject matters. The HART project is at a critical juncture whether it should go forward as planned despite highly problematical funding or if rational and cost effect alternatives are possible.  
Mr. Aalto has obvious conflicts of interest and a bias to go forward without having a serious immersion in the technical issues that continue to plague HART: track/wheel accommodation, routing, sea-level rise, electrical generation, cost and ridership projections. Mr. Joe Uno has the experience and expertise to address these issues. It is important that the community enjoy the transparency and independent and objective view that he brings to HART.  
The recent resignation of the Chair and attempted contract with Coleen Hanabusa, the depletion of the HART staff, and an interim Director (the seventh in 10 years) emphasizes that the public cannot afford more chaos and suspicion that the project is rife with incompetence and corruption.

I respectfully urge the Chair and Council to reject Mr. Aalto's nomination in favor of re appointment Mr. Joe Uno to the HART Board.

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Transportation, Sustainability and Health
Agenda Item	Resolution 21-160
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	I oppose this resolution and fully support Joe Uno remaining on the HART Board, as a valid, independent thinker who is knowledgeable and rational.
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item 1. RESOLUTION 21-160  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Dear City Council Members,

My name is Christopher Pating and I am providing this written testimony in enthusiastic support of Anthony Aalto's nomination to the HART Board.

Anthony's passion, commitment and professional expertise make him an ideal candidate for the HART Board. However, his systemic understanding of Hawai'i's past, present and potential future context is what makes his affirmation as a HART Board member so compelling.

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His deep knowledge of some of Hawai'i's most pressing issues – homelessness, housing, food insecurity, sustainable energy and transportation – that he has gained from his documentary film endeavors, enables Anthony to clearly see the connections between ideas, actions and outcomes and is critical to good decision-making and oversight.

The HART Board will benefit greatly from Anthony's perspectives. He will enable the HART Board to best navigate a delicate but deliberate path forward to address Hawai'i's transportation challenges while also supporting the mitigation of other statewide issues.

As the former VP of Strategic Planning, Implementation and Community Programs at Kamehameha Schools from 2005-2015, and now as a consultant that supports many public service focused organizations, I appreciate his strong commitment to Hawai'i's underserved and under-resourced communities and geographies. I wholeheartedly endorse Anthony's nomination to the HART Board.

Regards,

Chris Pating

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PIH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item RESOLUTION 21-160  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization University of Hawaii - West Oahu  
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Resolution 21-160  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written Testimony Aloha Chair Waters and Council members: I strongly support the nomination of Anthony Aalto to the HART Board. I've known Anthony personally and professionally for many years, and I believe he will do his best to faithfully serve the broader public interest as a HART Board Member. I am thankful for his willingness to serve!  
Mahalo,  
Colin Yost

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## Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Resolution 21-160  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

### Written Testimony

I am proud to support Anthony Aalto for this position. I've had the pleasure to work with him over the past 10 years. He is genuinely curious, open-minded, and a deep thinker. While we may not always see eye-to-eye on every issue, I always appreciate that he's going to consider every opinion and fact and come to a carefully crafted conclusion. His participation on the HART board would be a significant addition to the group.

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health

Agenda Item RESOLUTION 21-160 – APPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY B. AALTO TO SERVE ON THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Your position on the matter Oppose

Representing Self  
Organization

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Written Testimony

I respectfully urge the Chair and Council to reject Mr. Aalto's nomination in favor of re-appointing Mr. Joe Uno to the HART Board.

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item RESO 21-160  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written Testimony Anthony Aalto failed to disclose a financial connection between his video work and entities that stand to gain from the rail project. He sought and accepted grants from these entities. What HART needs is someone with ethics and integrity. Anthony Aalto is not that person.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item 160 A Alto  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

### Written Testimony

In support of Anthony Aalto for HART

I am Steven Lee Montgomery, a leeward resident in a former sugar field since 1988. After 20 years of urban work and life near University of Hawaii, housing costs required my family to become suburban commuters. Population growth on Oahu pivoted strongly toward Ewa, so now Queens West needs to expand 4x! I have had to contend with multiple traffic nightmares and see relief ahead with HART.

As a scientist, I am inspired by the life and steadfast altruism of the late scientist and minister Robert Susumu Nakata of Windward Oahu, whose support for rail was about helping people who may not have so much clout in city hall: rural residents and low-income residents from the Leeward side who must commute to jobs in town and in Waikiki. It's a big quality-of-life issue for people trying to get to work, with 3+ hour daily commutes for so many west side residents.

"For Bob Nakata, building rail was about having affordable housing around the rail stops," said his daughter, Michelle Nakata Takemoto. "It was to make life easier for people to get from Leeward Oahu to town. I served 5 years on the LUC and voted for affordable housing plans.

When plans to turn Windward Oahu into the island's "second city," were dropped, even after Windward residents were served with 3 costly tunnels, it is reasonable & just to help the patient commuters of the mushrooming second city. HART needs someone who has long fought to stop suburban sprawl and to change our development patterns and someone who sees HART can be a vital piece of resilient infrastructure adapting to the climate crisis.

As a member of several environmental groups, I attended Sierra Club meetings that Mr. Aalto organized with three different HART Executive Directors (Grabauskas, Murthy and Robbins) to improve the rail project.

Anthony Aalto will be a superb addition to the board as a citizen-representative due to vast

experience as an investigative reporter, accustomed to asking tough questions, and certainly will bring more transparency to the project. He has maintained an incisive, often critical interest in this vital project for years and will bring that knowledge to bear. He will ensure the board does know that a strong transit system and successful rail project are important elements in providing more affordable housing, social equity for west side residents and greater resilience against severe weather events. Mahalo,

Steven Lee Montgomery, Ph. D.

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item RESOLUTION 21-160  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written Testimony Anthony Aalto is one of smartest people that I know. And as professor and chair of the Atmospheric Sciences Department at UHM, a program that is ranked 15th in the world, I know some smart people. Anthony is uniquely qualified to bring an independent, yet very well-informed voice to the rail conversation. Anthony's award-winning documentaries concerning the people of Hawaii and the great challenges we face are testimony to the degree to which he understands and cares about the future of this State. Moreover, he has immersed himself deeply in thinking about the solutions that rail can provide. As an independent voice on the HART board, without financial encumbrances, Anthony will be able to bring his considerable experience and intelligence to bear on the complex issues facing the board to help it arrive at the right solutions for the people of Hawaii.

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Transportation, Sustainability and Health
Agenda Item	Resolution 21-146
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Organization	Bayer
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HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, SUSTAINABILITY, AND  
HEALTH

Tuesday, July 20, 2021 — 9:00 a.m.

**UluPono Initiative supports Resolution 21-160, Appointment of Anthony B. Aalto to  
Serve on the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) Board of  
Directors.**

Dear Chair Cordero and Members of the Committee:

My name is Micah Munekata, and I am the Director of Government Affairs at UluPono Initiative. We are a Hawai'i-focused impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life throughout the islands by helping our communities become more resilient and self-sufficient through locally produced food; renewable energy and clean transportation; and better management of freshwater and waste.

**UluPono supports Resolution 21-160**, which appoints Mr. Anthony Aalto to the HART Board of Directors.

Mr. Aalto provides a critical community voice to the HART Board of Directors, providing a specialized project knowledge that highlights community impacts, environmental considerations, and community equity. Greenhouse gas emissions play a substantial role in climate change, and the City's support for multimodal options will support a more resilient and sustainable community. Climate impacts should be taken into consideration regarding this project and Mr. Aalto provides a key perspective to support those efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this resolution.

Respectfully,

Micah Munekata  
Director of Government Affairs

\*Note: UluPono Initiative values this measure before the Council today and appreciates the opportunity to testify; however, we are unable to attend in person due to concerns around COVID-19. Thank you for your understanding.

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item Anthony Aalto Hart  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written Testimony Aalto has a significant conflict of interest with this board. Not only that he is wholly unqualified. Is this a joke nomination? Keep Uno, you need more watchdogs and less yes men. EVERYONE including the feds is watching!

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item RESOLUTION 21-160  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization TZ Economics

### Written Testimony

Tony produced a documentary film in which he included some of my observations about TheTrain. He shares my view that public transit is actually about housing and urban development, it's not primarily about transportation per se. It's where we build. It's how we deploy infrastructure assets to distribute employment and educational access. Very few people seem to get that TheTrain is about how the city of Honolulu should evolve, not about traffic on the H-1 freeway. Tony brings that wider view to the discussion. He has street cred in service to the public interest through organizations like the Sierra Club, which you know is not my favorite group, but earns my respect for the way it "represents." Give Tony a voice, it will help.

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Monday, July 19, 2021

Honolulu City Council  
Committee on Transportation, Sustainability and Health

Re: APPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY B. AALTO TO SERVE ON THE  
HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS.

Aloha Honolulu City Council 'ohana,

Please let this communication serve as a suggestion for selecting a member to the Hart Board. I would like emphasize that it should be important to consider the overall size, experience and business approach possessed by a nominated candidate in order to be able to rely on someone that has participated or performed well on similar projects and brings to HART the optimum balance of relevant business experience, positive references and working chemistry such as an architect, engineer or project manager. For example, the nomination of an experienced and proven project manager nominated to the board brings an individual well versed in the following duties:

- Understanding what the client or company (in this case being HART and the public of Hawai'i) wants to achieve
- Agreeing timescales, costs and resources needed to deliver a project
- Drawing up a detailed plan for how to achieve each stage of a project
- Selecting and leading a project team
- Negotiating with contractors and suppliers
- Directing a multi-disciplinary team
- Communicating with staff at every level, in a calm, personable way
- Overseeing several projects at the same time
- Ensuring that each stage of the project happens on time, on budget and to a high standard
- Reporting regularly on progress to the client and stakeholders
- Coordinating market and customer research

- Resolving any issues or delays
- Demonstrating knowledge of all areas of construction
- Writing bids for tender
- Managing several projects simultaneously with the support of junior project managers
- Working in an office or on a construction site.

Such an individual has obvious qualities that would assist in good decision making. Continuing with suggestion and in considering an experienced and relevant individual as a HART board member, it seems obvious that a structural engineer or a city planner would be excellent nominations. A long time bitumul or highway project manager also has some appeal. Hawai'i has been well tended by many individuals with related skill sets since the Kingdom of Hawai'i and continuing on into the State of Hawai'i. Personally, it seems like common sense from the sidelines but I definitely do not see a film-maker/writer as a person well versed in the depth of knowledge and skills necessary for competent leadership in a construction project that has proven so daunting for many of our well known professionals and politicians. It is time to bring actual COMPETENCE to the forefront of decision making. In addition, I do not see the benefit of a well-connected money source. Throwing money into a sinkhole offers diminishing returns. It would be to the benefit of our community if individuals were allowed to freely submit to their community boards and to the Honolulu Council the names of candidates they feel are well qualified since otherwise, most of our qualified private individuals would prefer not to get involved without public support. A nomination on their behalf may be a proactive approach to securing competent leadership for HART. I would whole-heartedly support someone such as a veteran of Structural Systems Hawaii because their track record is spotless. I have no affiliation with them despite having been on projects with their expertise. It is an example of my perspective of gaining qualified individuals to serve on the HART board. With your stewardship being important for all of Hawai'i, I look forward to your selection and urge that the individual sought arrives with, and remains with public support of competent leadership. Thank you for your time and attention and I am grateful for your service.

Regards,

Robert Quartero



# HAWAII REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

July 20, 2021

The Honolulu City Council  
Committee on Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
The Honorable Radiant Cordero, Chair  
The Honorable Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair  
530 South King Street  
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**Statement of the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters – Support for Resolution 21-160  
APPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY B. AALTO TO SERVE  
ON THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS.**

The Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters would like to offer their support for Resolution 21-160, to appoint Anthony Aalto to serve on the HART Board.

Aalto has a deep understanding of the rail project and has been involved in trying to secure a better outcome for the project as a citizen-activist.

Aalto's film *Railroading Paradise* was a comprehensive look at the pros and cons advanced during the initial debate about whether or not to build rail. Since then, through his chairmanship of the Sierra Club O'ahu Group and as a private citizen, he has repeatedly lobbied HART management, senior elected leaders and members of our Congressional delegation on the rail issue.

Aalto approaches the rail project as a means to encourage the construction of attractive affordable, walkable, transit-connected neighborhoods.

He also understands that the rail project is a vital piece of social equity in this state. Many of our members live on the west side of the island, but commute to town. Their lives are burdened unconscionably by commutes that are frequently longer than 3 hours a day. The number of people facing such commutes has risen by more than 80% in the last decade. The residents of the leeward coast were promised transportation infrastructure decades ago when the decision was made to relocate the "second city" from Kaneohe to Kapolei. For these people the rail project is a matter of social justice.

As an environmentalist Aalto also understands the growing importance of rail in providing resilience to the mounting threats from the climate crisis. Our urbanized coastal areas will not be able to

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Mahalo for your consideration.

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item Anthony Aalto Hart  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written Testimony Aalto has a significant conflict of interest with this board. Not only that he is wholly unqualified. Is this a joke nomination? Keep Uno, you need more watchdogs and less yes men. EVERYONE including the feds is watching!

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	RAIL- 21-60
Your position on the matter	Comment
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Keep Joe Uno on the HART board. The public needs & deserves Joe Uno.
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Resolution 21-160 - Appointment of Anthony Aalto  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization

### Written Testimony

Regarding Mr. Aalto's 'Island Voices' in Monday July 19 Star-Advertiser, I can appreciate his work on preventing urban sprawl to our ag lands but his other 3 points, Social Equity, Affordable Housing & Climate Crisis, are full of big holes! Agreed, the West side is unfairly burdened with the heavy daily traffic commute but to think, as Mr. Aalto has said, that he will help those folks avoid the average \$13,000 annual cost of owning a car is shibai at best. West side folks are NOT going to give up their cars! What a reach to try to wiggle his way on the HART board! As to Climate Crisis, he says 'Rail will be a source of resilience and a vital piece of infrastructure to help dense coastal neighborhoods raise themselves above the flooding'. Who in their right mind would think that to be true? What does that even mean? Sweet words on paper. More shibai!! And as to Affordable Housing in Kakaako: those areas are in the flood inundation zones. Does that make sense to build there? And who is going to ride rail that lives in Kakaako? I'm calling BS and hope he is not your choice for HART board to replace Joe Uno. Thank you, Linda Legrande

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Testimony of  
Pacific Resource Partnership

City Council  
City & County of Honolulu  
Committee on Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Councilmember Radiant Cordero, Chair  
Councilmember Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

Resolution 21-160—Appointment of Anthony B. Aalto to Serve on the HART Board

Tuesday, July 20, 2021  
9:00 A.M.  
City Council Chamber

Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee.

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) writes its strong support of Resolution 21-160, confirming the appointment of Mr. Anthony Aalto to serve on the Honolulu Authority For Rapid Transportation (HART) Board.

Mr. Aalto's commitment to public service, understanding of the rail project and transit-oriented neighborhoods, leadership ability to work with people from diverse backgrounds to find solutions to complex problems, and his dedication to making Oahu a better place for all residents renders him well suited to serve on the HART Board.

Therefore, PRP is pleased to offer our strong support for Mr. Aalto's appointment to serve on HART Board.



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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item 1) Res. 21-160  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Organization  
Organization Hawaii LECET  
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RE: RESOLUTION 21-160 APPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY B. AALTO TO SERVE ON THE  
HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice-Chair Elefante, Councilmember Kiaʻāina, and Councilmember Tulba:

I would like to **strongly urge you to approve** the nomination of Anthony Aalto to serve on the HART Board.

Anthony and I discussed the HART project while working together on his last film Ketchup and M&M's. I learned that he has a long and deep knowledge of the project, that he has been extremely critical of the management of the project and that as a private citizen he held meetings prior to the pandemic with senior members of the state Legislature to find ways to address HART's problems. I believe his knowledge of the project, together with his experience as an investigative journalist, will be important in bringing greater transparency to the project. Finally, I know that he understands the ordeal that residents of my district have to face when commuting to and from town. Their voices often get overlooked in the debate about what to do about rail. The reality is that the number of people who have daily commutes of 3 hours or more on this island has grown by more than 80% in the last decade. This has enormous impacts on the physical health and social well-being of my constituents. West side residents deserve a dependable alternative to the H1 and I know that Anthony will work hard to ensure that HART delivers.

Thank you for your consideration, please feel free to reach out to me for any questions or concerns.

With Aloha,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cedric Gates".

Representative Cedric Gates

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Agenda Item	#1
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	In support of the nomination of Anthony Aalto to the HART Board.
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## Written Testimony

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Agenda Item RESOLUTION 21-160 – APPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY B. AALTO TO SERVE ON THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Written Testimony MR. AALTO IS UNQUALIFIED TO BE APPOINTED TO THE HART BOARD FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS:  
- FUNDED BY THE CORPORATIONS BENEFITING FROM RAIL  
- INSENSITIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII  
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## Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Oppose  
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OPPOSE -  
RESOLUTION 21-160 – APPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY B. AALTO TO SERVE ON THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Relating to the appointment of Anthony B. Aalto to serve on the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation Board of Directors for the term to expire on June 30, 2026. (Transmitted by Communication CC-275)  
  
I consider Anthony a friend but friends can disagree on principles, especially on this topic that is of such consequence to Oahu's sustainability and general welfare of our residents.  
  
I'm astounded that the FREE specialized skills and knowledge that are offered by Joe Uno relating specifically to rail costs are being ignored and squandered by not re-appointing him after a year. Joe Uno is a long time construction-cost estimator who has decades of experience in this field.  
  
It's unbelievable you would retaliate against this independent HART Board Member because Uno has been an independent critical thinker and is not afraid to share his professional expertise this past year. Instead, you chose Anthony Aalto a social media person which is not what HART needs.  
  
I submit to you that this intransigent action is not in the public interest of Oahu and its future.  
  
I'm sure you're aware, but I will share some social media reports for the record.  
  
Mahalo,

Choon James  
ChoonJamesHawaii@gmail.com

Reference:

<https://www.civilbeat.org/2021/07/city-council-leaders-look-to-remove-rail-critic-from-hart-board/>

The local board overseeing Honolulu's troubled rail project is poised to lose one of its most outspoken members — and someone who's called for a halt to construction — as city leaders aim to replace him.

That board member, construction-cost estimator Joe Uno, has served for about a year on the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation board and he wants to stay there for a new term.

He voiced strong objections Thursday to the move to cut him — and even sharper criticisms of his would-be replacement: Anthony Aalto.

"It's disappointing that I didn't get a vote of confidence for the work that I was doing," Uno said Thursday morning.

He believes his support for halting the project at Middle Street, so that the city might consider alternatives to proceeding down Dillingham Boulevard given rail's \$3.6 billion funding shortfall, "has everything to do with my not being renominated." That stance put him at odds with most of his board colleagues.

Uno's term expired last month, but he has stayed on because the City Council neither nominated him nor anyone else to the new term.

That limbo state changed Wednesday, however, when Kalihi Councilwoman Radiant Cordero, who chairs the Transportation, Sustainability and Health Committee, introduced a resolution for Aalto, a documentary filmmaker, journalist and former Sierra Club Oahu Group chair, to join the board.

Aalto will replace Uno if Cordero's resolution passes her committee on Tuesday and then gets approved by the full council at a later date.

"It has become increasingly apparent that a fresh perspective is needed on the HART board of directors," Cordero said in a statement Thursday.

Cordero declined an interview request through a council spokeswoman on Thursday, who said her schedule was full.

Aalto's "wide array of experience and goals for social equity will be at the core of his volunteer board service," the statement added. "He has a history of gathering information on all sides of an issue to seek the best path toward collaborative solutions."

Later in the day, after researching Aalto's resume and background, Uno expressed outrage at the choice.

“I’m insulted. To replace me with someone with no qualifications? It’s pretty transparent, and not in a good way. I’m pretty angry now,” he said.

Uno said Aalto didn’t appear qualified to oversee the state’s largest-ever public works project “unless you’re going to make a movie about it.”

#### A ‘Concerned Citizen’

To be sure, many of HART’s board members both past and present have lacked the minimum five years leadership experience in the transit sector or a similar industry that’s sought by the City Council.

“I don’t think I’m being asked to be on the board because I have some expertise in those areas,” Aalto said Thursday.

Aalto said what he offers is the skill to dig into local issues.

“We’ve had people with supposedly that sort of (transit) expertise on the HART board up until now and I’m not sure where that expertise has been deployed. On the contrary, these ‘experts’ have done a miserable job, starting with the first person that they hired to run the thing,” Aalto said. “Hiring Dan Grabauskas was a mistake, and to my mind was a mistake that became obvious fairly quickly.”

Grabauskas led HART for several years before being pushed out by the board in 2016.

The documentary films that Aalto produced via his company, Green Island Films, have explored Oahu’s land-use and housing policies — and his history with Honolulu rail goes back a ways.

Nearly a decade ago the filmmaker chronicled the local Sierra Club leadership’s tense, behind-the-scenes debate over the decision to eventually endorse the transit project, and how it might impact Oahu, in the documentary film “Railroading Paradise.”

On Thursday Aalto said he would approach his role on the board as a “concerned citizen” similar to Natalie Iwasa, the longtime vocal rail critic who was recently appointed to the HART board by the Legislature. He would push for greater scrutiny and transparency at the agency, he said.

“We should’ve had a Natalie Iwasa on the board from the get-go,” Aalto said. “Like everyone else on this island I’m extremely upset and frustrated with how it’s been managed up until now.”

Iwasa, however, has generally expressed skepticism of rail’s value relative to its costs while Aalto supports building the line.

He said he doesn’t consider Middle Street a viable end point, although he has never preferred ending the line at Ala Moana, either.

“It has to have a route that makes sense. And if it doesn’t it will be such an enormous white elephant,” Aalto said Thursday. “The cost overruns have already been extraordinary. To have those cost overruns, to have that expense and to get essentially nothing out of that would



compound the extraordinary waste that's already occurred."

He added that rail remains a vital alternative to the H-1 Freeway for Westside residents whose commutes to Oahu's east end are only growing longer.

#### HART In A Constant State Of Flux

Uno's departure, and Aalto's possible entrance, is just the latest shakeup in a tumultuous year for HART and its board.

Last Friday, Toby Martyn resigned as HART board chair. An agency press release simply cited "personal reasons." Martyn declined to elaborate.

Nonetheless, Martyn's resignation came as the board continues to face scrutiny for its questionable handling of two recent consultant contract awards, including one that went to Colleen Hanabusa, Hawaii's former U.S. representative and the HART board's former chairwoman.

Hanabusa in May declined her consultancy contract award and opted to fill a seat that was opening up on the board instead. She presided over her first new committee hearing earlier this month.

Martyn, meanwhile, happened to hold the one seat on the board that's appointed by the eight other voting members. The board is now seeking qualified candidates to replace him, and on July 30 they'll discuss further how to select that replacement.

What remains unclear is whether Uno would have an outsized role in who replaces Martyn and who serves as the new chair if he was to stay on the HART board.

The Honolulu City Charter says that Martyn's seat is selected by a majority vote. But it's not clear if that refers to a majority of HART's nine voting members or of its 14 total members, including the five who don't vote.

HART spokesman Joey Manahan did not respond to a text asking for that clarification. Usually, the board needs eight "yes" votes to take action on rail business.

The rail agency has also seen nearly half of its staff purged under Interim Executive Director Lori Kahikina, who took over at the beginning of the year. Kahikina said the move was a necessary cost-cutting measure that made sense while there's no major construction occurring past Middle Street.

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**IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Aalto's Conflicts of Interest Disqualify Him for HART Board**

A community group is calling for the rejection of Anthony Aalto's nomination to the HART board, due to his conflicts of interest created by accepting money from rail beneficiaries, and because he has none of the required qualifications for the position. The group, Rail SOS (Study Other Solutions), is calling for the reappointment of Joe Uno to that board position, as explained in a message they sent to the City Council, which is holding a hearing on the nomination this Tuesday.

Anthony Aalto is disqualified because he accepted major funding for a movie production from companies who would benefit from rail construction, which creates a very troubling conflict of interest. Right after Aalto made his pro-rail movie, which was disguised as a balanced report, he made another movie costing more than \$400,000 about homeless in Hawaii, which although it had nothing to do with rail, was given major funding by rail supporters, including the following:

PRP, the construction union organization,

Stanford Carr, developer of a Kakaako condo that is planned to have a rail station,

First Hawaiian Bank,

Hawaiian Dredging, which was awarded a \$78.9 million contract to build three rail stations in Waipahu,

Hunt Companies, developers of Kalaeloa at Barbers Point,

Pacific Links International, owner of two Leeward golf courses.

Aalto's gifts from rail affiliates have the appearance of a payoff for the biased pro-rail movie he made in support of their financial interests in rail. Conflict of interest is an especially sensitive issue given the recent resignation of HART board chair Toby Martyn under a cloud of suspicion that he personally profited from his votes on bond issuances.

The very first criterion specified by the City Council for selecting a HART board member is they must "Be free of actual or potential conflicts of interest." After the Hanabusa contract and Toby Martyn resignations, the last thing HART needs is the appearance of more corruption. Aalto filled out the required conflict of interest form in his application but failed to mention the funding he already received.

Aalto's rail movie is his ONLY "qualification" as cited by Cordero in her nominating resolution. We will show in the attached analysis that this movie is a pro-rail propaganda deceit filled with lies and misrepresentations. It is relevant to closely examine the movie as it is offered as his single qualification.

City Council Resolution: "the Council finds that Anthony B. Aalto's expertise, training, and experience on the Rail Project, including his in-depth study of the Rail Project for over a year in producing a documentary film on the project and his well-balanced analysis of the status of the project meet the foregoing requirements and, therefore, are the substantial equivalent of the criteria listed in the 2011 and 2019 Resolutions."

Aalto's movie, which includes extensive quotes from PRP, is based on two big lies:

(1) Rail opponents want no growth and lack alternatives plans for transportation or future development, which leads to social chaos; (2) and building rail is the only way we can create affordable housing, solve traffic, and protect farmland

The person Aalto would replace, Joe Uno, is a highly regarded construction cost expert, apolitical, honest, smart and possessing the potential to contribute to finding best solutions for rail. Aalto has no such relevant expertise. SOS member Mel Yoshinaga observes, *"Removing Joe Uno and his expertise in construction cost estimating flies in the face of the City Council's desire for leadership experience in the most vital facets of any construction project: cost estimating, value engineering, and cost controls."* SOS calls upon the City Council to be pono and reappoint Mr. Uno to the HART board and reject Anthony Aalto as a conflicted and unqualified candidate.

The attempt to replace Uno with Aalto reveals the fundamental problem with HART oversight: Rail is failing because of the exclusion of expert and diverse opinions who are calling to modify transit in ways that would save money and open the system to riders sooner. By replacing Uno, Cordero hopes to suppress the voice and views of a majority of Oahu residents who have soured on rail and are concerned about transparency and financial controls.

link to article about Aalto's funding sources: <https://www.staradvertiser.com/2016/10/16/hawaii-news/no-room-in-paradise-shows-depth-of-homelessness/>

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**Aalto's rail movie is based on two big distortions, as explained here.**

**1: Rail opponents want no growth and have no alternatives plans for transportation or future development, which leads to social chaos.**

**2: Building rail is the only way we can create affordable housing, solve traffic, and protect farmland.**

### **Aalto's 30 LIES and INNACURACIES**

#### **Verbatim highlights from the movie:**

1. A freeway system now officially designated one of the two most congested in the nation.
2. And so you have the highest congestion levels in the United States right here. (Both not true, we are not even on most top-10 congested lists).
3. In 2008 a bare majority of the islands voters approved the plan to build a \$5.2 billion railway line 35 feet in the air that supporters claim will address some of the worst growth related issues. (the vote was only to authorize the city to build a steel wheel rail system, a power the city already had -- there was no plan associated with it)
4. Opponents believe that if the railroad is built, Oahu will become a skyscraper jungle, the Manhattan of the mid-Pacific.
5. Supporters argue that if it is not built, the island will become a wasteland of tract housing, a sort of tropical New Jersey.
6. Some of the people who are opposed to the rail project are basically saying that by trying to take people out of their cars what we're doing is social engineering in the suburbs.
7. mass transit is going to be put in the urban corridor, and the reason for doing that is because if we don't do that, then this whole area behind us (open land) is going to be lost to urban sprawl.
8. PRP: if we don't have a rail system where we can focus housing growth around, then the Sierra Club and the carpenters union and developers and other environmental groups are going to fight for the rest of our lives, because the choices we're going to be faced with are not good ones.
9. PRP You are either going to focus (new housing) along the rail corridor... Or you are going to continue to fight.
10. PRP So rail transit gives us the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build the kind of Oahu that we can all be proud of.
11. Aalto: "some people would say, perfect! You can't build the housing, you can't build a housing." (opponents don't say this)
12. PRP: my big criticism of what I would term, no growthers, is that I think they are very selfish. I think people who say, 'don't build any more' are really telling people who cannot afford to buy the \$6-800,000 homes, that Hawaii is not a place for you anymore, and I think that's wrong. I think every person who has a connection to this place, deserves the right to live here.

- They deserve a right to a home they can afford.... (rail opponents are not anti-growth)
13. And if you restrict growth and say we can't grow anymore, then what you're telling five, six, eight generations of families who've lived here, maybe even a native Hawaiian whose families lived here from the very beginning of civilization in Hawaii, that they are no longer welcome here. That to me is wrong, and that's what were fighting against. (rail opponents are not restricting growth)
  14. Rail opponent: "We just have to simply stop and say, can we afford, and is it pono, to build anymore? And the answer is, no." (Implies rail opponents want nothing built)
  15. PRP: hey wait a minute, these are human beings who deserve to be treated with some dignity. The ethnic mix of Oahu will then change. The native Hawaiians, Filipinos who are at the lower end of the economic scale, will be forced to move out of here.... (says lack of rail will force people to leave)
  16. PRP: We will become a society more divided between the haves and the have-nots. We will see more private gated communities, more homeless, working poor on the beach, the hotel workers and their families would live in shantytowns. (lack of rail causes social chaos)
  17. Aalto: so I asked Paul Brewbaker, who is a progressive economist... Is there any way to stop growth? (repeats notion opponents want no growth)
  18. Brewbaker: I don't even know why you would do it (stop growth). I mean, you have babies, right? What are you going to do? (repeats notion opponents want no growth)
  19. Kick them out, or they going to live with you for the rest of their lives? How does that work exactly.... Thou shalt not let your children live here. They've got to leave, and nobody gets to move here. Or, only the rich people can move here if they can boot out some poor people. Which is another way of getting to the solution that advocates of capping everything don't realize – it's the most likely outcome.
  20. Aalto: We also have to sacrifice what a lot of people feel is the best farmland in the state, it makes no sense.
  21. if you don't build rail people will be condemned to using their car. There is no real alternative – and as that continues to expand you are going to have to build more highways, \$9 billion probably.
  22. It's the only major, public transportation infrastructure investment that anybody is talking about ever again.
  23. (Without rail) You will either have to live with complete gridlock, or you will have to build somewhere, somehow, more lanes of traffic.
  24. Supporter: the reality is for this city, with the congestion levels where it is, you cannot add transit at grade. If you did you'd be taking away lanes of traffic. (BRT at grade works well)
  25. Supporter: You got really good densities... Once you start running a line you can pick up people from a mile away that can easily get down to the train station, with a very pleasant walk. (one mile walk to station is not feasible)
  26. Aalto: the opponents were happy to attack the concept of TOD, but they never came up with their own plans for smart growth, or their own alternative for how to handle the growing population. (complete fabrication)
  27. Supporter: the bottom line for me is, my children, your children, need a place to live.... The aim is to keep as many generations here, living in the kind of harmony that we have created,

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Aloha Chair Codero and members of the Transportation Committee,

Written  
Testimony

I am writing to express my support for the confirmation of Anthony Aalto to the Honolulu Area Rapid Transit Board. Mr. Aalto's service on HART will help to better center the critical issues of climate change in future decisions about the rail project.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to express my support for Mr. Aalto's nomination.

Aloha,  
Marti Townsend

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## Written Testimony

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**Agenda Item** RESOLUTION 21-160 – APPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY B. AALTO TO SERVE ON THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

**Your position on the matter** Oppose

**Representing Organization** Self

**Written Testimony**

Chair Cordero and Council members:  
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I respectfully urge the Chair and Council to reject Mr. Aalto's nomination in favor of re appointment Mr. Joe Uno to the HART Board.

**Testimony Attachment**

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## Written Testimony

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Agenda Item	reso.21-160
Your position on the matter	Oppose
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Written Testimony	this applicant reaks of conflicts joe uno is by far the more substantive candidate. we citizens have been screwed over way too much. please keep joe on board!!
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